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MEETING

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Monday, January ³¹~~24~~

St. Paul's Parish House

2430 K Street, N.W.

8:00 p.m.

All Are Welcome



Councilman John Wilson, Laura Kieffer Bruce, Charles Rainey, Charlotte Latham, William Cahill-Zelinka

IN THIS ISSUE

During my tenure as editor I have never been so overwhelmed with offers by residents who wish to write articles for the FBN as I have been for this issue. Especially amazing is the fact that all of those offers whether they have come from singles, seniors, couples or parents had to do with the pride they felt in the community's accomplishment in building a playground and outrage over the abuse of the playground by a FEW dog owners.

The word "few" has been accentuated because the vast

majority of dog owners have applauded our accomplishment and respect our efforts by not permitting their dogs to defecate in the playground. Rather than devote the entire issue to a problem created by so few of our neighbors, I have chosen, instead, to include some photographs of the almost completed playground and an accompanying article briefly describing our recent efforts. Dan Haslam's Legal Ease column addresses the statutory prohibitions that deal with the conflict between the rights of children and the

excretory needs of dogs.

Tom Miller sheds some light on a problem faced by Condo and Co-op owners. Karen Jaehne Latham announces the schedule for the European Film Festival, which will be held at the American Film Institute next month. As a community service we have also included a new section in the FBN entitled Announcements which contains information on Toastmasters, Museum One and the Monday Recorder Group.

SWINGS FOR SOGGY BOTTOM BABIES— CHAPTER FOUR

Thanks to the kindness of Pat Patterson who loaned us his brand new lawn mower, we were able to mow the playground area before the equipment was installed. Twenty bags of leaves and tree limbs and seven hours later MAUREEN HOLSCHER, GARRETT BROWN, ERNEST LATHAM, MARTI EDMONSON, SUSAN DAVENPORT, MARYANNA KIEFFER, CHARLES BRUCE, ANN MARIE MORAWSKI, PURITA RAINEY and BILL and

DEBBIE ZELINKA were able to look upon a play area that, although not professionally landscaped, was at least well groomed. The following week the equipment was installed. There are three infant swings, three child/adult swings, a seesaw, a jungle jim and a very wide slide. One week later Maureen Holscher organized a sandbox building crew headed by DAVID RAINEY and DIRCK HOLSCHER who besides being assisted by the usual cadre of dependable helpers, were also assisted by LESLIE BUDAY, NANCY LOPEZ, and TIGER LATHAM. In case you haven't already seen the sandbox, it is 12 feet wide and 16 feet long and holds 5 tons of sand, which by the way had to be shoveled by those of us present at the sandbox building extravaganza. That episode led most of us to conclude that the next playground acquisition should be a hot tub. The work crew will be reforming in early spring in order to plant flowers and to do some landscaping. By that time the playground will also contain a game table and several benches.

All of us who were involved in the playground project would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions to the successful completion of the playground: COUNCILMAN JOHN WILSON for his sincere interest and support and for a acquir-

ing the fence surrounding the playground; BRIGID QUINN of John's staff for her personal commitment to making the playground become a reality; ERIC JONES of John's staff who has ably assisted in the effort; SARAH CAMPBELL, STEFAN HARVEY and CHRIS BATES of the D.C. Department of Transportation for their continual efforts in supporting our ideas and for acquiring a portion of the playground equipment for us; HENRY KAUFMAN at the FEDERAL SUPERMARKET for giving us a reduced rate on the ingredients for Soggy Bottom Sangria - a major money maker at the Spring Block Party and at the Oktoberjazzfest; TIM EVANS for his design work on the playground.

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The sandbox building workcrew

Letter to the Editor

December 4, 1982

Mrs. Deborah Cahill-Zelinka
Foggy Bottom Playground
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Dear Debbie,

In my thirty years (this year) in the Bottom I've never been more pleased with any action taken by the FBA and my neighbors.

I hope that a lot of us who aren't "looking for a tax deduction" got past that headline and saw in the item that they could benefit the kids more than they could themselves!

Enclosed is my contribution toward the goal of \$1,500 for additional equipment for the FBP.

Best regards,
Pat Patterson

January Guest Speaker Mr. Eddie Lenkin on the Development at 26th & K Street N.W.

This month the Foggy Bottom Association will host a joint meeting with our Advisory Neighborhood Commission. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Eddie Lenkin. The topic of discussion will be his proposed high-rise residential building for the corner of the 900 block of 26th at K Street.

Last spring many citizens first learned that Mr. Lenkin was planning to develop the corner of 26th and K St. Residents in that area were apprehensive as to the size and use of any future building that would replace the existing cluster of buildings commonly known as the "Hinkley Pottery Place."

Almost immediately the FBA and ANC were faced with a dilemma that could divide the neighborhood. Both organizations have a history of working to preserve the architectural integrity of Foggy Bottom and also to encourage residential development in the community. In the early discussions between the FBA and ANC with Mr. Lenkin and his architect, David Schwarz, it became apparent that these two neighborhood goals would compete against each other in this project.

To better represent the neighborhood's interest, a joint FBA-ANC 26th and K Street Committee was formed last summer. Ellie Becker chaired this committee; the members were Robert Brewster, Rick Churchill, Handy Handyside, Steve Levy, Dian Overbey, Maria Tyler, Grace Watson and Lois Zuckerman. Special assistance was given to the committee by Karen Gordon, President of Don't Tear

A Good Neighbor Passes

by Morella Hansen

The neighborhood was saddened to learn of the passing, on October 20, of Emma "Midge" Sellman, after a short illness. Midge and her husband Millard "Slim" moved to 2421 Eye Street in 1958, upon the death of her brother Dick ("Mr. Dick") as he will be remembered by Foggy Bottom old-timers) Burrell, then the owner of the house.

Midge worked for the United States Government for 25 years until her retirement in 1966. After that she continued her deep interest, shared by Slim Sellman, in the activities of the Liberty Baptist Church in which she had been baptized in 1915.

Her responsibilities there ranged from President of the Nurses Unit, Boy Scout Troop Organizer, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, to Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and 2nd Vice President & Treasurer of the Ladies First Aid Union of Churches, Inc.

Midge will be missed not only by her family, to whom we express our sympathy, and her church, but also by her Foggy Bottom neighbors.

Legalease

by Dan Haslam, Esq.

Question: Since the opening of the new playground on 26th Street between Queen Anne's Lane and K Street, N.W., there have been numerous complaints concerning dog owners permitting their pets to run within the fenced-in portion of the playground. As a result, children have come home stained from the dog droppings, and I for one am frustrated by the existence of this health hazard where my child plays. I would like some legal advice on how to deal with inconsiderate dog owners. What are my rights?

Response: The clearest statement of your rights is contained in Article 18, Section 3 of the District Police Regulations, which provides that a dog owner or custodian may not permit the dog in any area in which the dog can menace persons lawfully using the confined area. In addition, Section 4 of the same article provides that dog excrement may not be permitted to remain in any public place, or on private property. Section 4 violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$50 or imprisonment (of the owner) for up to 5 days. Punishments for violation of Section 3 are much stiffer—fines up to \$300 or imprisonment up to 10 days.

In addition to the Police Regulations, which can be and are enforced by police, there are sections of the Code of the District (laws enacted by the City Council) which protect your rights. Among them are D.C. Code Section 22-1111, which prohibits fierce or "dangerous" dogs to "go at large." That means that the owner of any animal that has shown a propensity to threaten the health or safety of an individual, and is out of the immediate control of the owner, can be cited with a violation of this section.

My interpretation of this Code section, and the definition section which precedes it (Section 6-1001), is that if the owner of the dog knows that the dog is messing in the playground (and presumably that's one reason the dog is being

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walked), then this Code section could be used against that dog's owner. There is a small fine of \$20 for violation of Section 22-1111, so the better remedy is through the police regulations.

I suggest that you work with the police to monitor the playground area in order to enforce the regulations and Code. A few fines and/or imprisonments of inconsiderate dog owners will get word to the others fairly quickly. (Edi-

tors note: the Second District Captain of Police has offered to assign a uniformed policeman during certain periods of the day to fine offenders if such action becomes necessary.)

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ANC MINUTES FROM A-Z

BOARD OF ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS.

Councilmember William Spaulding, Chairman of the Government Operations Committee requested all ANC's to provide comments on proposals made by the Board of Elections: The ANC passed resolution L-6 which outlined its position on this important matter:

ON VOTER LIST VALIDATION the ANC endorsed the Board's proposal to consider voters who cast ballots in 1982 as permanently registered, and to strike all other names from the rolls. The ANC felt those who had just voted had expressed their civic interest in the most tangible possible way despite the history of election fiascos in the District of Columbia, therefore they should not be needlessly inconvenienced further. Because some measure of inconvenience for residents would be necessary to make the electoral improvements, the ANC felt that the burden should fall on those who were not active voters.

ON DELAYING THE SCHOOL BOARD AND ANC ELECTIONS TO 1984 the ANC saw no compelling reason for delaying these elections. It was believed that the Board of Elections should be capable of performing two tasks: the validation of the voter list and conducting the 1983 election.

ON HOLDING SCHOOL BOARD AND ANC ELECTIONS DURING EVEN YEARS ALONG WITH PARTISAN ELECTIONS the ANC strongly opposed this suggestion. It is important for the School Board and ANC elections to remain non-partisan. It would be practically impossible to insulate them from partisanship if they were held concurrently with Council, Mayoral, Delegate, or any other partisan election.

ON ADOPTING A DIFFERENT MEANS OF ELECTING ANC COMMISSIONERS. The ANC thought Commissioners should be elected in the same manner as any other elected officials. The concept of ANC's is a pioneering element of modern democratic government which the District of Columbia government should encourage not continually subvert. Some government officials look upon ANC as frivolous and eminently ignorable, if not expendable, as reflected by the insensitivity of this proposal by the Board of Elections.

ON COORDINATING ANC DISTRICT BOUNDARIES WITH PRECINCT BOUNDARIES the ANC opposed any proposal on increasing the size of an ANC district from the current target of 2,000 residents. The ANC believed that its fundamental purpose in representing specific neighborhoods should not be subordinated to some city-wide standard setting the number of districts that should be in an ANC, or any other standard of arbitrary neatness.

ON ACTIONS BY THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS the ANC appreciated the Committee's initiative in referring the Board of Elections' proposals to the ANC's, but called into question the Committee's seriousness in doing so. The Committee's letter on the subject was dated December 2nd, and the Committee called for comments to be received by December 15th—in effect, allowing less than 10 days for ANC action. Since most ANC's do not have full-time staff and most would have to call a special public meeting (as this ANC did) to adopt comments to the Committee, this required ANC to make a considerable effort in order to provide the Committee with a thoughtful response.

It was disappointing to read in the Washington Post on December 14—even before the Committee's short deadline—that "D.C. City Council member William Spaulding (D-Ward 5), chairman of the Committee... said he would go along with a suggestion to delay the city's ANC elections, but not the school board races."

BZA #13879: The Ramada Renaissance Hotel at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., has requested a variance to construct a one-story function room, below grade, in what is now a rear courtyard area. The Manager, Chris Schenk, and the architect, Carl Huff, presented the plans, and explained that the existing banquet room was obstructed by bearing columns that made it undesirable for speakers to use, and consequently the American Meeting Planners Association would not accredit the hotel's current facilities. They stated that the proposed addition would cure this, and that no increase in guest room capacity was involved.

Several Commissioners questioned Mr. Schenk about existing parking facilities at the hotel. He stated that the required capacity is 89 spaces,

however, the hotel can actually accommodate approximately 154 vehicles because management is operating the garage on an attendant-park basis. He also stated that very few guests arrive by car, and he has never known more than 40 spaces to be occupied by hotel guests. Consequently, the hotel offers the extra capacity to office workers, residents, and others in the neighborhood on a space-available basis.

In response to questions, Mr. Schenk also stated that the hotel does not actively seek tour groups who arrive by bus, although they do have some patronage by bus. In those cases, the bus is unloaded, loaded at the hotel in approximately 10 minutes and then leaves the area.

Commissioner Levy asked Mr. Schenk if Ramada would be willing to make a written stipulation that the hotel parking will remain on an attendant-park basis 24-hours a day, and join with the ANC in asking the BZA to incorporate such a stipulation in any approved order. Mr. Schenk agreed.

"Certificate of Need" requirements: As the final regulations adopted by the DC Department of Human Services did not reflect any response to the ANC's recommendations, the ANC passed resolution A-3 to point out to DHS that it is required by law to give 'great weight' to ANC recommendations, and that the DC Court of Appeals ruled in "G. Kopff et al v. DC Alcoholic Beverage Control Board" that "great weight" implies that specific reference should be given to each ANC issue and concern as such, and that specific findings and conclusions with respect to each should be made. The ANC resolution calls on DHS to reconsider the regulations and its action, and asks the D.C. Council to assure that the ANC's views are accorded the "great weight" required by law.

Comprehensive Plan: Commissioner Rosenbaum reported that Mayor Barry has responded to the request of ANC 2A and others to extend the public comment period on the proposed plan, and the deadline has been extended to April 8, 1983. Commissioner Rosenbaum also distributed to the other Commissioners his comments on his first review of the proposed plan, and these will be discussed after study.

There will be another joint ANC/FBA meeting on March 1, at St. Paul's Church. The ANC, con't. on p. 6

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I received the most peculiar phone call the other day. A voice on the phone asked for my spouse and when informed that my spouse was not available proceeded to inform me that as was stated in an earlier conversation with me, the D.C. Department of Transportation was trying to reach my spouse. Well two thoughts flashed through my head. First, since I had never before spoken to this individual, much less anyone who worked at the D.C. D.O.T., I wondered who in the world had this caller spoken to before that could have been mistaken for me.

A fleeting vision of illicit nooners between my spouse

and some faceless individual passed through my head, but was immediately disqualified as a possibility since I am blessed with a spouse who is beyond reproach. Nevertheless the caller insisted that a conversation had taken place between the two of us. It was finally concluded that the caller had not spoken to me but to a visiting relative who had found the content of the phone call so senseless that it was not worth passing on to either Puck or spouse. Well enough for mistaken identities.

My second thought, in priority order, was why in the world does the D.C. D.O.T. need to contact my spouse?

Well, D.O.T. it seems was in receipt of three parking tickets and an authorization allowing them to charge the fine for those tickets to one of our credit cards, per the instructions on the back of the tickets. The caller proceeded to inform me that although fines could be paid by credit card, that particular office at D.O.T. was unable to perform such a transaction until the tickets had reached an age where the fine for the tickets automatically doubles.

Although the caller was unable to tell me which office at D.O.T. would have been appropriate I was informed that in three days' time the fines for the tickets would double and that it would in another ten days after that before this particular office would be notified of their jurisdiction over the tickets by the central computer and that therefore the tickets were being returned by mail that day. When I pointed out to the caller that by the time that we received the tickets they would have indeed doubled, I did not receive any sympathy or helpful advice. Instead, the caller offered the suggestion that we immediately mail the tickets and authorization back to that office as soon as we receive them, as by the time that they had received them once again, that would be the appropriate office to perform the transaction.

This entire conversation made no sense to Puck particularly given the fact that the caller had obviously concluded, at least one week prior to our conversation, at the time that the original phone call was made to our house, that the tickets had gone to the incorrect office. Why in the world didn't the caller mail the tickets back to us at that time when there would have been ample time to mail them to the correct office without having to pay a double fine? It would have been even more sensible for the caller to simply forward the tickets to the correct office for us. Those alternatives were never addressed because the caller hung up before I could pose them.

Neither Puck nor spouse has since received the tickets in the mail. What in the world will we tell the "Boot" person when he/she descends upon our car?

Puck

Crime Watch

by Bob Alcorn

On the 17th of November, at the parish hall of St. Stephen's Church, a group of Foggy Bottom/West End residents got together to discuss the Neighborhood Crime Watch, its advancement, and how to combat crime in our midst. A lot of good ideas were advanced.

Mr. Handyside of I Street and Rick Churchill, the president of the Foggy Bottom Association brought forth an idea which was put into immediate service. They broke down the entire area into streets, block by block, each block having a captain and helpers and further broke down those blocks by segregating the apartment houses, which will each have its own captain, so that the entire area would be more adequately be covered.

It is planned that each block will have a meeting on the Watch and its methods and work out a system more agreeable to the needs of that particular block. We now have a large map which will soon be filled in with Watch areas and soon we will be able to tell the 2nd district police that truly we have a well working neighborhood watch. We still need volunteers. A case in point. . . Last week, I was informed that a robbery had occurred at 2512 I Street N.W. After the incident was reported to the police and the owner of the house had called me, I alerted Ellie Becker the block co-captain and she was able to go to work on it immediately and inform all her neighbors. The same thing happened when a car was stolen belonging to a person at 906 25th Street. I was told about it, the police went to work on it, and the car was recovered within the week. In this last case we were very lucky as a used car dealer called the police when the car was brought into him for sale. In many cases, it takes much longer to find a stolen car.

We will soon be able to provide you with a list of block captains for your own individual area.

Now, a word of warning to those who carry handbags. I have seen many individuals lay down their handbags or leave them in their shopping carts while they are looking at produce. Don't you realize that it takes only five seconds for a thief to run off with or steal your bag?

Also, those of you who wad up a bankroll in your pocket and then peel off a layer or two at the payment desk or check-out counter only invite trouble once you leave the store and walk home. A pair of eyes may have seen your wad of bills and attempt later to become the new owner of that currency.

And . . . for all of you who

work in offices and either leave your purse in a desk drawer or under a desk or your suit coat complete with wallet hanging over the back of a chair . . . think about it and don't leave it unattended. It may not be there when you return to your desk. The police tell me that this is the most common theft in offices these days.

A thief already knows all the ways of entering an area, all he needs is the "loot" and away he goes with it and you are left sorrier and wiser. This is the worst time of the year for office thefts . . . please believe me . . . and think before you leave your "loot" behind. Don't help the thief . . . he already has more odds going for him than you do.

Keep up the good work. Keep reporting those crimes that you see or experience. We need the figures and the locations where our neighborhood seems to be weak in order to strengthen our guard in that quarter and remember, you are helping not only yourself but also your neighbors.

Mothers taking children to our new playground on 26th Street can watch for crime or anything that looks amiss and can report it immediately. Many of our crimes happen during the day and perhaps one of you may see something out of the ordinary which can be acted upon hours before it normally would be reported.

You may see a moving truck in front of a neighbor's and yet you know they are not moving. This deserves a phone call to the police as the movers may be thieves. It happens every day in all parts of the city. You dog walkers may spot the same thing at night and then it is your turn to report such activity.

Join the ranks with your neighbors. Join the Crime Watch! Help stamp on crime. You won't be sorry.

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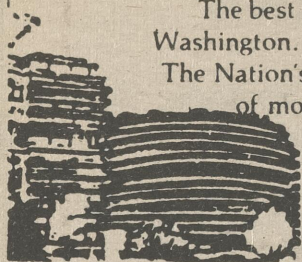
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Look Through "Windows" —Coming at the AFI

by Karen Jaehne Latham

People who enjoyed Fellini, Bergman, Truffaut or Bunuel when they were in college may wonder what has happened to the European cinema since those days, especially if they've lived in Washington for very long. The antipathy of *The Washington Post* for foreign films is so well-known, that many theaters here hope the *Post* won't review their films, if they look, sound, or smell "un-American."

In order to give such films a chance here, and in order to let Washingtonians judge those movies in a context in which they may understand

them, the American Film Institute is co-sponsoring, along with the European Community (the former EEC), a smashing showcase of 26 premieres from nine countries in the EC. Titled "Windows," it runs February 1-21.

The European spectrum is surprising, and the festival, beginning with a gala opening at the State Department, hosted by Charles Z. Wick of USIA, offers something for everyone. This is an exclusive newspaper listing of the schedule. See an AFI program, available at the Kennedy Center, for details. Each film shows twice.

Wed, Feb 2	6:00	MOONLIGHTING (starring Jeremy Irons, UK)
	9:00	STEPPING OUT (Danish "La Ronde")
Thu, Feb 3	6:30	BURNING AN ILLUSION (UK film about Black Britons)
	9:00	UNE ETRANGE AFFAIRE (French with Michel Piccoli)
Fri, Feb 4	6:00	TOMORROW WE DANCE! (Italian hilarity)
	8:30	THE TASTE OF WATER (Dutch damnation of bureaucracy)
Sat, Feb 5	5:30	A FOOLISH LOVE (the Americanization of Greece)
	8:00	MOONLIGHTING (Polish laborers in London during Gdansk)
Sun, Feb 6	10:15	STEPPING OUT (a droll look at musical affairs)
	4:00	MR. ROSSI LOOKS FOR HAPPINESS (Italian animation!)
Mon, Feb 7	9:00	IO SONO ANA MAGNANI (documentary about the diva)
	6:30	COMEBACK (Eric Burdon in W. German rock-movie)
Tue, Feb 8	8:30	L'HOMME FRAGILE (French women-director appears)
	6:00	FOR YOUR LOVE ONLY (Nastassia Kinski speaks German)
Wed, Feb 9	8:30	THE PURPLE TAXI (Fred Astaire, Charlotte Rampling...)
	6:00	A FOOLISH LOVE (Greece at its most modern)
Thu, Feb 10	8:15	THAT NIGHT AT VERENNES (Mastroianni as Casanova)
	6:30	KAMIKAZE 1989 (a post-punk vision of West Germany)
Fri Feb 11	9:00	COMEBACK (A German woman director views rock music)
	6:00	UNE ETRANGE AFFAIRE (Nathalie Baye takes a bow)
Sat, Feb 12	8:00	FOR YOUR LOVE ONLY (by the director of DAS BOOT)
	10:00	THE TEMPEST (Shakespeare gets a face lift)
	3:00	WAGNER AND VENICE + THE NIGHTINGALE (for music-lovers)
	6:00	L'HOMME FRAGILE (about French newspaper business)
	8:00	KAMIKAZE 1989 (Fassbinder stars in 1984, five years later)
	10:15	THE TEMPEST (Ken Russell's art director directs the bard)

Crime Flash

Shortly before midnight on the 31st of December, two ladies who do not wish to be named at this point, parked their car on K Street under the back windows of 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue. They were on their way to a party in the Swarthmore when they were accosted by three youths who tried to steal their purses. Only because they screamed and because a car stopped and its occupants jumped out to help the ladies, were the women able to ward off the youths who ran away.

The ladies came immediately to the apartment of the Crime Watch Chairman, Bob Alcorn, who alerted the police and within ten minutes the police were at the Swarthmore questioning the ladies. Within a few more minutes, the police had caught the youths. They were identified by not only the ladies but by others who had seen the youths running away.

We in Foggy Bottom owe a very special debt of gratitude to Officers Hamelin, Remington, and Lugaila whose quick action resulted in the arrest. Despite the protests of the ladies, your Crimewatch Chairman, and the President of the Foggy Bottom Association, as well as other concerned citizens, the youths were eventually released (the argument being that it was their first offense).

However, some good has come out of this episode. Not only were the police concerned about the release but also, those of us involved in this matter have decided that perhaps it is time to look at some of the odd laws that protect the criminal and not the victim. It is our intention that as a result of that process we will be able to succeed in having the laws refocused to address the concerns of the victims and even more importantly to work from the perspective of discouraging crime by stringent application of the judicial means available for punishing criminals. We will keep you advised on our progress in this effort.

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topic of discussion will be the D.C. Comprehensive Plan.

Election of ANC Officers: The following ANC Commissioners were elected as officers for the 1983 term: Chair—Geoffrey Stamm, 1st Vice—Chair—Steve Levy, 2nd Vice—Chair—Ralph Rosenbaum, Secretary—Lou Rigdon, Treasurer—Jimmy Molinelli.

1121 24th St. Orhan Ozdemir resident at 1121 24th St., complained that construction vehicles were making excessive noise for nearby residences as well as directing their exhaust fumes directly toward the residential units. Commissioner Molinelli agreed to contact the police and ask for their assistance while Commissioner Stamm said he would contact Chip Glasgow, the developer's attorney.

George Washington University: The ANC urged Commissioner Stamm to write to George Washington University complimenting them on their recent efforts to improve the landscaping appearance of the University area.

Housing: Tom Miller and Jenny Brake reported that they had reviewed the list of occupancy points recently issued *en bloc*; had identified approximately 70 in our ANC area; had visited about 10 of the locations that sounded questionable in terms of commercial use in residential zones; had not found any of the points to be obviously inappropriate. Chairman Levy expressed the Commissioner's thanks for undertaking their special project.

Immaculate Conception Academy at the corner of 24 and K Streets has announced its closing effective June 1984.

Joint Committee of Landmarks: The ANC passed a res-

olution supporting proposed changes for the Joint Committee of Landmarks. Basically it requires a fewer number of Committee members to conduct hearings and make decisions. These proposals are in response to the Mayor's refusal to appoint new members to the Committee and because a number of present Committee members refuse to attend meetings.

M-12 shuttle bus: Commissioner Stamm reported that DC DOT staff has proposed ending the experimental shuttle route between Kennedy Center and Georgetown, due to low ridership. If the proposal is approved by the Metro board, as expected, M-12 service is scheduled to end on January 23, 1983. At that time, Route 46 service between Kennedy Center and the Dupont Circle area via the Foggy Bottom Metrorail station will be expanded to seven days a week.

People's Life Insurance Company located at 601 New Hampshire Ave. is planning to move its headquarters out of Washington.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF): Commissioner Stamm read a message of thanks to the community from Sandre Speier, RIF Chairman at Stevens School, for ANC 2A's continued support of its neighborhood school. He also announced that Francis JHS would have a RIF program this year, thanks to an anonymous contribution of \$200 from residents of his district.

Sherry Towers: The ANC passed a resolution which urged the D.C. Rent Administrator to bring suit to enforce the Rental Accommodation Office decision of March 3, 1982 and impose the maximum civil fine on the landlord

for non compliance with the order.

This resolution was amended to request that the Rent Administrator attach liens against the property to assure payment of all amounts owed by the landlord.

Transportation: Commissioner Levy proposed that the ANC take the initiative to identify the locations of existing residential permit parking throughout the neighborhood; note what parking restrictions exist; and identify locations that could/should be converted to residential permit parking. He moved that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a committee to accomplish such a project in the coming year, and Commissioner Molinelli suggested that each commissioner could be made responsible for his or her district. Commissioner Levy's motion was adopted unanimously. Commissioner Levy also noted that constituting this task group would fall to whomever is the new chairman next year, because of the press of existing projects.

Trash: A Potomac Overlook resident requested the ANC's help in getting trash removed from the north side of the Whitehurst Freeway, to the rear of 2626 Pennsylvania Avenue. The trash contains envelopes with the 2626 address, and is perhaps scattered by people foraging in the trash containers. Neither D.C. DOT nor the parks department accepts responsibility for the area. Chairman Levy asked Jenny Brake to determine which government agency is responsible for the land in question, and promised the ANC's assistance in having the trash cleaned up.

26th and K Sts: There will be a joint ANC/FBA information meeting on January 31 at St. Paul's Church at 8:00PM for developer Eddie Lenkin's proposed project at 26th and K Streets. A residential covenant between Mr. Lenkin and the neighborhood is currently being prepared.

Whirlwind Sculpture: The sculpture was scheduled to be taken down on December 1; however, Washington Project for the Arts has asked the ANC to give them a thirty-day extension because they are in the midst of negotiations to sell the sculpture, and they believe the negotiations will be successful and bring a substantial return to WPA and the artist. Mr. Rubin of Potomac Overlook vehemently opposed any extension of time for any reason whatsoever, and charged that the ANC was totally insensitive to him and other residents of Potomac Overlook on this issue. Mr. Ron Huddle, President of Potomac Overlook, also opposed granting an extension of time, in more reasonable terms, as did another Potomac Overlook resident in attendance. Commissioners Rosenbaum

and Levy expressed sympathy for the concerns of Potomac Overlook's residents, but pointed out that the issues involved encompassed the entire neighborhood, and many other neighborhood residents had willingly approved of having this temporary sculpture project in Foggy Bottom.

Reflecting these neighborhood-wide issues, Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the ANC write a letter to WPA to thank them for choosing Foggy Bottom for the public sculpture project, and to express the neighborhood's interest in being considered for a future project, but that the ANC felt any future sculpture project should provide for direct neighborhood participation in choosing the work. The Commissioners adopted this resolution unanimously.

Commissioner Levy then moved that the ANC agree to WPA's request for an extension not to exceed January 1,

1983, and this was adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Rosenbaum in dissent. (*Editor's note:* The whirlwind sculpture has now been disassembled.)

Whitehurst Freeway: Jenny Brake gave a brief update of the status, and provided copies of the schematics of alternatives under consideration for the information of those who were unable to attend the ANC's special Public Forum on December 4.

Zoning Commission Case 82-5: By way of an update, Commissioner Levy reported that he testified at the recent public hearing on this case, and that the chairman of the Zoning Commission, Dr. Lewis, again commended ANC 2A for its thorough and concise analysis of proposals and statement of its position. Dr. Lewis also stated that he often points to ANC 2A as the model for other ANC's to emulate.

East End

by Edmund Winterbottom

On December 16, 1982, the Annual York Tenants Christmas Party was held; this time in the living rooms of three adjacent apartments of YATA Board members and the abutting corridor space. This arrangement was necessary due to the lack of a more suitable meeting place since not even one vacant apartment exists in the building at 532 20th St., NW. It was, as usual, a great success in what has become the York village. There was ample contributed food and drinks provided by YATA—the tenants' association.

Illustrative of the effect of our neighboring institutions—the International Monetary Fund, The World Bank, and the Organization of American States—on our York Village lifestyle a group of women were observed participating in

peaceful conversation during the party. Each one was from a different continent: (1) Norway in Europe, (2) South Africa, (3) Australia, (4) Chile in South America. We have others from China, the Philippines, Samoa, and far off strange places like Texas. We have natives of many of the states in the USA living in the building, but not one that we know of was born in Washington, D.C.

And speaking of births, this 42 year old building—a combination Geriatric Home and Youth Hostel—almost had a baby last November. The Colantanos, Suzan and Andy, had a fine healthy daughter, Kathleen, just two weeks after they had moved out of the York on November first. To bad: we would have liked to say "we had a baby." It would have been the first in living memory of the residents of York.

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Elise Asher to Exhibit Paintings

New York artist Elise Asher will exhibit twenty paintings on plexiglass in her 18th solo exhibit to be held at the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., January 15 to March 31, 1983. Entitled "Elsewheres," the paintings portray Asher's inner vision of a strange universe peopled with symbols, imaginary creatures, and half-familiar architecture.

The exhibit is open to the public free of charge, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Academy, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W. The exhibit is a presentation of the Arts in the Academy program.

Museum One, Inc.—Community Arts Outreach Program Seeks Volunteers

by Joan Mentzer

Museum One, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to bring the art museum to the community. A fine arts professional and guide visits Washington area senior citizen facilities and nursing homes with lectures centered on D.C. museum collections, both permanent and temporary exhibits. The slide presentations and group discussions focus on a particular artist, theme, or period of art history.

The group's goal is to inform and educate, and to encourage individual participation in the world of art. Programs are tailored to the needs and interests of particular individuals and institutions.

Museum One uses a neighborhood approach to bring the museum out into the community, and welcomes involvement and participation from civic organizations, businesses, institute directors, community groups, arts professionals, and supportive individuals. The organization wants to hear from people with backgrounds in the arts and/or community work, in order to expand the outreach

Toastmasters

The George Washington Toastmasters Club is a non-profit, educational organization for men and women who want to communicate more effectively. The club meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 12:15 to 1:15 P.M. in the Marvin Center, 21st & H Streets, N.W.

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Library News

Thanks to all our neighbors in the Foggy Bottom/West End area, I am pleased to announce that the Friends of the West End Branch Library met the quota requested by the Home Loan Library Association so that in sending the Library a check in the amount of \$1250.00 we will realize a return of \$3800.00 which our librarian, Mr. Horrell, will be very happy to receive and purchase books with.

I would also like you to note that all of the money was raised through individual donation. We did not ask the ANC or the Foggy Bottom Association for a penny. This is a great tribute to all those people who hold our branch library very dear to their hearts and especially to those people, like Gladys Sillman of 2475 Virginia Avenue, who constantly canvassed their buildings to remind people of the importance of the library and to donate whatever they could to the fund.

The neighborhood has provided me with a most wonderful Christmas present—the knowledge that despite all of the trials that besiege us in this day and age people are still concerned about saving and helping an institution which provides all of us with so many hours of enjoyment and will be there for our children to enjoy in the future. We have saved something and provided each of us with a gift—a smiling librarian who now can buy a few things that will delight us in 1983. He knows what we all like to read and will buy those works which he knows will please all of us. Truly, we can now say with great pride that the West End is "our" Branch, with a realization that we, as a community, worked together to support our prize institution. Thank you one and all for making this drive a success.

Bob Alcorn
Chairman
Friends of the West End
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THANK YOU!
by Deborah Cahill-Zelinka,
Editor

During the past 5 months the following people have contributed their talent, ideas and vast amounts of time in order to make this publication a success. I would like to publicly thank them for their valuable contributions. They are: Ed Winterbottom, Marti Edmondson, Susan Davenport, Donna St. John, May Aaberg, Karen Jaehne Lathom, Bob Alcorn, Dan Haslam, Melvin Odgen, Ellie Becker.

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Condos, Co-ops could Spell Relief T-R-A-S-H

By Thomas U. Miller

If you own a condo or co-op unit and have the impression your property taxes are a little on the heavy side, you're probably not wrong.

One reason is, the District doesn't provide you trash-collection services, as it does residents of single houses. Your condo or co-op puts these out on contract to a private hauler, meeting costs from the monthly fees paid by you and your fellow owners.

So the city not only does not give you service on the same basis it does other homeowners, it in effect charges you for it—twice: you don't get any kind of offsetting tax credit, and your taxes help pay for the service rendered to others.

Some relief may be on the way, though. Recognizing the inequity in all this, D.C. Council Chairman Dave Clarke introduced a bill last June requiring the mayor to "provide the same trash-collection services to the residents of condominium and cooperative dwelling units as are provided residents of single-family dwellings." The bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Environmental Affairs, which held a public hearing on it in early October.

The hearing got bogged down a little at the beginning over the question of what the word "same" in the bill actually meant. Would residents of condo and co-op buildings, some of which contain hundreds of units, wind up having to take their individual trash containers out to the nearest curb twice a week, the same as their neighbors in single-family houses, and line them up out there ready for the Dept. of Environmental Services trucks? And how many more of those and how much more personnel would the District need to provide the additional services?

It soon became clear that "same" really meant "equivalent." The issue was equitable treatment for homeowners, not whether the DES itself actually did the work. Since private haulers are already serving condos and co-ops (along with rental apartment buildings and businesses, which weren't covered by the Clarke bill and which will undoubtedly be required to continue arranging for their own collection services whatever happens eventually on this issue), these same private haulers could continue to do so. And they could either contract directly with the District, or (and more likely) they could continue to be paid by the condo and co-op associations and a property-tax credit would be granted individual owners.

What's more, it was pointed out, not only is the District scarcely in a financial position to offer substantial new trash-collection services, for it to do so would certainly have an adverse affect on the business of the private haulers, many of them small operations, often minority-owned and minority-staffed. The Council committee was solidly in agreement that such businesses not be driven out of the marketplace. On the contrary, interest was expressed in seeing more of the city's trash services handled by the private sector in future years.

The calendar ran out in 1982 before the condo and co-op trash-collection bill could get much farther, but sources close to the Council say it's quite likely to be reintroduced this year. Meanwhile the Dept. of Finance and Revenue is said to be studying ways such a measure, if enacted, could best be implemented.

Steve Levy, Chairman of ANC 2A, mindful of the numbers of us in Foggy Bottom and the West End who are condo or co-op residents, asked me to keep monitoring this issue on the ANC's behalf. I agreed, and am pleased that Sue Schumacher of Letterman House, who also attended the Council hearing, has expressed willingness to help me do so.

On a related matter, Steve Levy also asked Sue and me to try and gather some data on the problem of private trash haulers making their rounds at unreasonably early hours.

District law requires that trash pickups are not to be made in residential zones before seven a.m. It's a law that's often violated, as some of us know only too well. The basic idea from the standpoint of the haulers, after all, is to have done with downtown neighborhoods as early as possible so as to avoid the heavy traffic that hampers them later—even a little later.

Sometimes haulers aren't aware of the law, or say they aren't. And many building managers, particularly of office buildings, aren't even on the premises when the pickups occur.

A Vote on the Conversion of the Hamilton House

by Deborah Gerhart

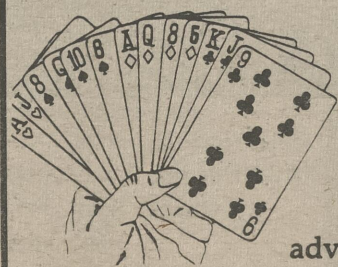
The members of the Hamilton House Association of Residential Tenants (HHART), 1255 New Hampshire Avenue N.W., recently passed a proposal requiring that the vote on the financial agreement with the Middle States Financing Company concerning a possible conversion of the building into a co-op be postponed until the election of its new officers takes place on January 23rd. Fifty-six percent of the members of the Association voted in favor of the delay.

This vote was viewed as reflective of the lack of confidence in the present, apparently pro co-op, policies of the HHART board.

A final vote on Co-op conversion of the Hamilton House is expected to take place near the end of February or in early March. Early prospects on the vote seemed positive. However, recent events, including the news that a record number of condominiums and co-ops were facing auction by the city to pay for delinquent taxes and the apparent glut of co-ops and condominiums in the area (estimated by some experts to have caused a 50 percent drop in sales) have made a number of residents view the conversion unfavorably. In addition, apprehension by some residents that the building could become an investor's haven with relatively few resident owners fueled the feeling that the conversion would not go through. A 51 percent vote of the residents is required to allow conversion to go ahead.

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